

AGREEMENT WITH INDIANS OF CROW RESERVATION,  
MONT., ETC.

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Mr. LACEY, from the Committee of Conference, submitted the  
following

CONFERENCE REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 11676.]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 11676) to ratify and amend an agreement with the Indians of the Crow Reservation in Montana, and making appropriations to carry the same into effect, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 4:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 4, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: Add at the end of said amendment the following: : *the same to be reimbursed out of the first moneys to be received from the sale of said lands*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 7:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 7, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In line 19 of said amendment, after the word "practicable," strike out the word "The" and insert the following: : *Provided, however, That if the lands withdrawn under the reclamation act are not disposed of within five years after the passage of this act, then all of said lands*

*so withdrawn shall be disposed of as other lands provided for in this act. That the;* and the Senate agree to the same.

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*Managers on the part of the House.*

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#### STATEMENT OF MANAGERS ON PART OF THE HOUSE.

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill H. R. 11676, entitled "An act to ratify and amend an agreement with the Indians of the Crow Reservation in Montana, and making appropriations to carry the same into effect," make the following written statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon and recommended in the accompanying conference report on the amendments:

The House receded from its disagreement to amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21. All these amendments are of such a minor character that your managers do not deem it necessary to refer to them specifically by number, except the following:

Amendments numbered 2 and 10 increase the price for which the land is to be sold from \$3 to \$4 per acre.

Amendment numbered 4: The House receded with an amendment requiring the money appropriated for a survey of the reservation to be reimbursed out of the first money derived from the sale of the land. The Senate amendment authorized the payment of expenses of the survey and made no provision for reimbursement. On account of the large number of acres in the reservation and the likelihood of the land being readily disposed of, your managers thought it best to provide that the cost of survey should be reimbursed to the United States.

Amendment numbered 7: The House receded from this amendment with an amendment providing that if the land shall not be disposed of under the reclamation act within five years then it shall be disposed of as other lands are disposed of under the terms of this act, and this amendment your committee believes to be for the best interests of all concerned, and will insure the sale of lands within a reasonable time.

CHAS. CURTIS,  
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